

—that is all we know about him as to his location—but he tells us that they hold sacrament meetings, administer the sacrament, that they preach, that they try to sustain one another, build up the faith the one of the other.

Now, brethren, please pay attention to this. Get your directories before you go home. We will send you copies of the books with instructions. Then will you please send back to us the new lists corrected, so that we can forward them to the missions.

Send out your books to your boys; give them all the help that you can, and that act plus your letters and your prayers, will be about all you can do.

TITHING

Now I want to thank the brethren of the Church, for their response in the matter of tithing. Brother Grant thanked you in his opening message. I would like to tell you two or three facts about tithing. One is that 95½ percent of all the tithepayers in the Church pay less than \$200 per person, which is 67 percent of the total tithing. Thus the tithing is paid by the moderately circumstanced and poor of the Church. And while unnecessary, I can add to the assurance given you by President Grant, that he regards these funds as trust funds of the highest character, that he is authorizing their expenditure for nothing but Church purposes, and while at the moment we seem to have plenty of money, we are trying to guard it as carefully as we know how, because it is expected that the time will come when we shall have use for it, if it shall then be worth anything.

Brother Marion G. Romney read to us yesterday from some of the early instructions sent out by the First Presidency covering the question of so-called pensions, doles, or gratuities. You remember on one occasion the Savior talked about the duty running between parents and children, and based it upon that statement in the Decalogue, "Honor thy father and thy mother." It would be a grievous thing, brethren, if any of you, or if any of us, were to cast off our parents on the State.

The Church is prepared, with your help and assistance, to take care of those who need such assistance, and if any of the Saints have cast their parents off, see if you can not get them to take them back and administer to their wants themselves, and if they need help in this, let them go to the bishop and get it in the right way.

Think of it, brethren, casting off the mother that bore and nursed you, the father that begot you, letting the State care for them—and there are such cases.

If we shall hold ourselves together, if we shall work shoulder to shoulder, if we shall rise to the dignity of our Priesthood, and assume the obligations which God has given to us, we will care for our own; and we can do it. Do not be lulled to sleep by any such false religious, or governmental, or social slogan as that the State owes to every man a subsistence. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" (Gen. 3:19).

WELFARE FUNDAMENTALS

Now about the Welfare. We have always regarded the Welfare

as being set up for the needy; and when we have spoken of the needy we have thought of those who did not have enough to eat or to wear; but there is a new group of needy coming now—those who will need help to carry on their work—whether they be farmers or merchants, or industrialists. In the good old days when I was a boy we used to change work. You men out in the country know all about that, and those who are as gray as I am have been through it.

Brethren, the man who has a crop that needs harvesting is just as much in need as anyone else. See to it that your Priesthood quorums are so organized that that need may be cared for, and do not push off this work upon the Chamber of Commerce. It is your responsibility.

For several years we have been talking about Welfare gardens. Remember, we began that some time ago, long before Victory gardens were thought of, and we urged you that if you could not get a garden spot for yourself, that you get together in groups, that you raise what you needed, and having raised it, that you then "process" it, as it is now called. Now, with all the earnestness that I possess, I urge this course upon you again. I do not know how serious this food shortage is, but I do know this: We cannot feed the world, feed ourselves, fight the world, and furnish arms and ammunition for the world, and still live. I know what the situation is around here, because I am in a position where I have to know.

I want to say something more: Up to this time your home-processed foods have not been touched. You have not had to count them. Of course in principle it is a little difficult to see the difference, on the one hand, between the man who, foreseeing and trying to forestall a future shortage, went out into the market a year or two or three years ago and bought and stored foodstuffs, and, on the other hand, the man who for the same purposes went out and raised his food and then did his own processing. If they can ration what is yours that you bought, by the same token they can ration what is yours that you raise. Now, you might have that in mind, too. Your own processed foods will probably be the last thing that will be touched, but you had better have it in mind that it may be rationed if not actually taken.

However, I can see no other wise course but to raise all that you can. Waste nothing. Try to help others who cannot raise their own. Process enough to keep your family, and then if you have to surrender it, you have done your part, and the judgment and responsibility for the result will rest upon somebody else.

I would like to say something about another point. Ever since the Welfare Plan began, we have been urged to try to do a great number of things. Times such as these make men prolific in theories; they are filled with wild ideas. One of the most difficult things that we have had to do is to stick to our knitting, to see that we did not get off into lines of activity which we could not successfully carry on, because the Church—do not forget this, brethren—the Church must not fail!

Some of the brethren are anxious to begin cooperatives. We are quite willing that they shall go forward in any plan of that kind that they

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themselves determine, but we ask you to remember that it takes a merchant to run a cooperative; just anybody cannot do it. It involves great and difficult problems in credit—credit to friends and credit to neighbors, who may be good or bad risks. But go ahead with your cooperatives if you wish, if you feel you are set up for it. But please remember cooperatives are not part of the Welfare Plan. That plan has to do with the caring for the wants of those who are in need and distress, not in saving money or making money for groups.

I would like you to give most careful consideration to these things which I have named. There are one or two other points that I want to mention.

in the First Presidency, members of the Council of the Twelve, the Patriarch to the Church, the Assistants to the Twelve, the Presidents of the First Council of Seventy, and the Presiding Bishopric.

The congregation is made up of the officers in the stakes, wards, and quorums, and others invited as heretofore announced in the public press.

Through the courtesy of Radio Station KSL the proceedings of this meeting are being broadcast. It will be necessary, therefore, for the information of the radio audience, to make some announcements which to you here assembled might seem unnecessary.

Elder J. Spencer Cornwall will direct the music, and Elder Frank Asper is at the organ.

Before the song I desire to suggest that all Stake Presidencies who have not yet made arrangements with the General Authorities regarding your regional conferences to be held April 11th and April 18th will please come forward after the close of this meeting and meet your respective appointees to the conferences.

The congregation joined in singing the hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," (Words by William Cowper, Music by Evan Stephens).

Elder Bryan L. Bunker, President of the Moapa Stake, offered the opening prayer.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Did You Think to Pray?" (Words by Montgomery, music by George Careless).

ANNUAL REPORT

Elder Joseph Anderson, Clerk of the Conference, read the Financial and Statistical Report, also Report of Changes, as follows:

THE EXPENDITURES BY THE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1942

Stake and Ward Purposes:

For the erection of meetinghouses and for ward and stake maintenance expenses\$1,841,671

Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of missions, and for the erection and purchase of places of worship and other buildings in the missions..... 916,771

Education:

Expended for the maintenance of the Church school system..... 819,173

Temples:

Expended for the maintenance, operation, and construction of temples 292,774

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Hospitals:

Expended for the erection and maintenance of hospital buildings (Included in Church Welfare program)..... 9,446

Relief Assistance:

For direct aid in the care of the needy and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment (From tithing funds only. Included in Church Welfare program)..... 307,483

TOTAL\$4,187,318

Which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of stakes and wards, mission activities, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for hospital buildings and relief assistance.

CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM

Church membership, stakes and missions 917,715
Amount of voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions:

In wards:

Fast offerings\$ 568,547
Welfare contributions receipted for by bishops..... 87,564

In missions:

Fast offerings\$ 32,923

Total (all expended for relief)\$ 689,034

Disbursed to the needy by the Relief Society for direct assistance in their homes and for general welfare purposes, such as surgical appliances and preventive and corrective health work 94,128

For carrying on the general, welfare, and educational program of the Relief Society 371,442

Expended from the tithes for general and local relief..... 202,771

Expended directly by the Church Welfare Committee..... 104,712

Expended for the hospital care of the sick in addition to the amount reported disbursed from the tithes..... 84,916

Total\$1,547,003

30,822 persons received assistance during the year—which is an average per month of..... 2,568

Merchandise produced by the Welfare program disbursed by stake and regional storehouses.....\$ 334,529

The extent to which the welfare program is meeting the requirements of the bishops in caring for the needy is indicated by the following percentages:

FOOD	
Program-produced	67.8%
Cash purchases	32.2%
CLOTHING	
Program-produced	54.3%
Cash purchases	45.7%
FUEL	
Program-produced	77.7%
Cash purchases	22.3%
Bushels of wheat stored in Church-owned elevators	329,596
Average fast offerings and welfare contributions per capita in wards	\$1.08

SUMMARY OF CHURCH BUILDING PROGRAM

Expended for the erection, improvement, and furnishing of:

Ward and stake buildings	\$ 875,193
Mission buildings	134,741
Temple buildings	141,655
Institutes and seminaries	19,578
Hospital buildings	5,499
Other buildings	28,166
Amount raised locally for building improvements	853,474
Total	\$2,058,306

In addition to the foregoing, the Church hospitals expended from hospital funds the following amounts for the erection and enlargement of buildings and the purchase of equipment: Thomas D. Dee Memorial Hospital, \$58,517; Dr. W. H. Groves L. D. S. Hospital, \$12,773; Idaho Falls L. D. S. Hospital, \$42,583. Total, \$113,873.

STATISTICS

Number of stakes December 31, 1942—143 (at present time the same); 1,128 wards and 114 independent branches, or a total of 1,242 wards and branches in the stakes of Zion. There are 38 missions in the Church.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Stakes	754,826
Missions	162,889
Total	917,715

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed in the stakes and missions	23,808
Children baptized in the stakes and missions	14,475
Converts baptized in the stakes and missions	11,547

MISSIONARIES

Number of missionaries who received training in the Missionary Home	643
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SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate per thousand	34.3
Marriage rate per thousand	19.4
Death rate per thousand	6.0

CHANGES IN CHURCH OFFICERS, STAKE, WARD AND BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS SINCE LAST OCTOBER CONFERENCE—1942

Special Appointments:

Mrs. Belle Smith Spafford, editor of *The Relief Society Magazine* was appointed as second counselor in the General Presidency of the National Woman's Relief Society, succeeding Mrs. Donna D. Sorensen.

Milton Bennion appointed general superintendent of the Deseret Sunday School Union with Dr. George R. Hill as 1st counselor and A. Hamer Reiser as 2nd counselor.

General Music Committee reorganized with Tracy Y. Cannon, Chairman, LeRoy J. Robertson advanced to 1st assistant to succeed the late George D. Pyper, J. Spencer Cornwall named new 2nd assistant and treasurer.

New Mission Presidents:

John Q. Adams appointed to succeed Wilford W. Emery as president of the Samoan Mission.

Lorin F. Jones appointed to succeed David F. Haymore as president of the Spanish American Mission.

Edward L. Clissold appointed president of the Japanese Mission, succeeding Jay C. Jensen, deceased.

New Mission Organized:

Navajo-Zuni Mission organized February 27, with Ralph William Evans, Shiprock, New Mexico, appointed as president.

New Temple President Appointed:

Edward L. Clissold appointed to succeed Albert H. Belliston as president of the Hawaiian Temple.

Stake Presidents Chosen:

Elmer A. Graff chosen president of the Zion Park Stake, to succeed Claudius Hirschi.

George Christensen chosen president of the Rigby Stake, to succeed Hyrum T. Moss.

J. Doyle Jensen chosen president of the Lost River Stake, to succeed Victor D. Nelson.

New Wards Organized:

South Seattle Ward, Seattle Stake, formed by a division of the Queen Anne Ward.

Mission Park Ward, Pasadena Stake, formed by a division of the Rosemead Ward.

Independent Branch Made Ward:

Terreton Ward, North Idaho Falls Stake, formerly Mud Lake Branch.

New Independent Branches:

Basis Branch, Moapa Stake

Topaz Branch, Deseret Stake

Port Orchard Branch, Seattle Stake

Dependent Branches Made Independent Branches:

Bloomfield Branch, Young Stake

Reseda Branch, San Fernando Stake

Ward Name Changed:

Pocatello 7th Ward, Pocatello Stake, formerly known as the North Pocatello Ward.

Ward Made Dependent Branch:

Garcia Ward, Juarez Stake—dependent on Pacheco Ward.

Ward Discontinued:

Diamondville Ward, Woodruff Stake, membership annexed to Kemmerer Ward.

Independent Branches Discontinued:

Gannett Branch, Blaine Stake, records transferred to Hailey Branch.

Sun Valley Branch, Blaine Stake.

Independent Branches Transferred to Mission:

Part of the Burdett Branch, Lethbridge Stake transferred to Western Canadian Mission.

Edmonton Branch, Lethbridge Stake transferred to Western Canadian Mission.

Those Who Have Passed Away While in the Service:

President Jay C. Jensen of the Japanese Mission, died January 31, 1943 after having served about 3 years.

Bishop Phillip Harrison Hurst, LaCienega Ward, Inglewood Stake, died December 22, 1942 after having served about two years.

George D. Pyper, General Superintendent of the Deseret Sunday

School Union, died January 16, 1943 after having served as superintendent 9 years and counselor 26 years.

Bishop Oleen Alder Jensen, Glendale Ward, Oneida Stake, died December 26, 1942 after having served about 14 years.

Bishop Roscoe W. Evans, Eugene Ward, Portland Stake, died March 17, 1943 after having served about 4 years.

James Peter Christensen, Patriarch of the Bear River Stake, died March 23, 1943.

Obituaries:

Elder Nephi L. Morris, former President of Salt Lake Stake.

J. Frank Ward, former bishop of the Emigration Ward, Liberty Stake and a member of the general committee of the Church Welfare Program, died October 22, 1942.

Serge F. Ballif, Sr., former president of the Swiss-German Mission, died November 17, 1942.

James W. Paxman, former Patriarch of the Granite and Highland Stakes, died January 10, 1943.

Lars Peter Oveson, former bishop of the Cleveland Ward and former President of the Emery Stake, died January 5, 1943.

Thomas L. Woodbury, former president of the Tahitian Mission, died December 31, 1942.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH AUDITING COMMITTEE

Elder Orval W. Adams read the following report of the Church Auditing Committee:

March 30, 1943

President Heber J. Grant and Counselors
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Brethren:

Your Committee has reviewed the 1942 annual financial report of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We are happy to report that the Church is in a stronger position financially than at any other period of its history, a condition made possible only through the voluntary contributions of the tens of thousands of its devoted members—most of them of small means.

The Church has held to its policy of not running in debt; it has ample funds for its normal activities; it has given no mortgages on any of its properties and no mortgages are outstanding. Its position would seem safe short of a drastic inflationary unsettlement, which could carry everything down. This we believe can be, and we devoutly hope will be averted.

It is readily apparent to the Committee that Church funds are regarded as a sacred trust and are being, as they have always been, ad-

ministered prudently by the sustained authorities for the carrying on of the work to which the Church is dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVAL W. ADAMS

A. E. BOWEN

GEORGE S. SPENCER

H. H. BENNETT

Church Auditing Committee

GENERAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH SUSTAINED

President David O. McKay, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, presented for the vote of the Conference the General Authorities, General Officers, and General Auxiliary Officers of the Church, and they were unanimously sustained by those present, as follows:

GENERAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH

FIRST PRESIDENCY

Heber J. Grant, Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

J. Reuben Clark, Jr., First Counselor in the First Presidency.

David O. McKay, Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Rudger Clawson

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Joseph F. Merrill

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Albert E. Bowen

Sylvester Q. Cannon

Harold B. Lee

PATRIARCH TO THE CHURCH

Joseph F. Smith

The Counselors in the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, and the Patriarch to the Church as Prophets, Seers, and Revelators.

ASSISTANTS TO THE TWELVE

Marion G. Romney

Thomas E. McKay

Alma Sonne

Clifford E. Young

Nicholas G. Smith